Remarks

Claims 1-24 are currently pending and claims 1-22 have been examined and stand rejected. Claims 1, 2, 9, and 17-24 have been amended. Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

Interview Summary

The undersigned participated in a telephone interview with the Examiner on March 11, 2005. During the interview, the Nawaz reference was discussed in relation to subject matter of the present application. Namely, it was discussed that Nawaz is directed to a ticker that appears on a computer desktop and that displays information in a continuously changing fashion where the information comes from various sources but is integrated together within the single ticker being displayed. It was further discussed that contrary to Nawaz, the present application provides for a new window opening for each new message that is received from an external information source over a network.

102 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 8-16, 18-20, and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Nawaz (US Pat 5,959,621). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The claims have now been amended to more clearly recite that the client computer receives requests to provide notification of the occurrence of events from multiple sources or servers and that the client computer displays each notification by opening a new user interface window dedicated to the notification of the event. For example, claim 1 recites a method that involves receiving a request at multiple computer sources over a computer network to provide a notification in response to the occurrence of the event pertaining to each of the multiple sources to a client computer, the request comprising a description of the event and a user identifier and determining whether the event has occurred at each of the multiple sources. The method further involves, in response to determining that the event pertaining to one of the multiple sources has occurred, for each server that has determined that the event has occurred, identifying a network address for the client computer based on the user identifier, and transmitting a

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request to the client computer at the network address to provide the notification that the event for each server has occurred and opening a new user interface window at the client computer for each notification where each new user interface window is dedicated to displaying each notification in response to receiving each request.

Nawaz, on the other hand, is specifically directed to the integration of multiple sources of information within one ticker display on a computer desktop, where the display is continuously changing to display the incoming information from the various sources. With respect to Nawaz' discussion of PointCast, which is a single server source of information for clients, Nawaz criticizes the use of multiple windows for incoming information (col. 3, lines 10-19). Nawaz then discloses throughout the patent document that the solution to the use of multiple windows is the use of a continuously changing ticker display. Even with respect to internal messaging as shown in FIG. 4, Nawaz teaches that the message is integrated into the same ticker (col. 10, lines 23-27). At no point does Nawaz disclose that a new window is opened that is dedicated to displaying a new incoming notification from one of the various external sources.

Furthermore, because Nawaz is so critical of using multiple windows, i.e., teaches away from such a system, there is no motivation to combine Nawaz with any other reference or knowledge in the art so as to modify Nawaz to include new windows for each notification.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 1, 10, and 17 are allowable over Nawaz. Dependent claims 2-9, 11-16, and 18-24 depend from allowable base claims and are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

103 Rejections

Claims 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nawaz in view of Timm (US Pat 6,055,268). Additionally, claim 21 is rejected as being unpatentable over Nawaz in view of Buhler (US Pat 6,104,704). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Claim 7 depends from an allowable base claim and is also allowable at least for the same reasons.

In relation to claim 17, as discussed above, Nawaz fails to disclose new user interface windows being opened where each new window is dedicated to displaying one

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of the new notifications. None of the additional references disclose a system whereby each of the notifications from multiple sources is displayed in a new window. Furthermore, Nawaz teaches away from any modification to open new windows for each notification, and therefore, none of the additional references nor others can account for the deficiencies of Nawaz. Therefore, claim 17 is allowable over the cited combination for at least these reasons.

Additionally, it should be noted that the statement in the Office Action that Nawaz fails to teach that the event has occurred via a network connection appears to show a misreading of originally filed claim 17, where it was the request to provide the notification that the event has occurred that was received via the network connection as opposed to the event having occurred via the network connection. However, this point is moot in view of the various amendments to claim 17.

Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-24 is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees beyond the fee for a one month extension of time are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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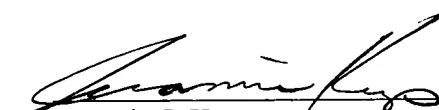
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